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Leading the Pack: OMIC Receives National Recognition **OMIC Named one of *The Principal 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security***

San Francisco, CA – OMIC’s outstanding commitment to their employees’ financial and physical wellness has earned them the distinction of being one of the best.

An independent judging panel of employee benefit experts named OMIC as one of the 2014 winners of [*The Principal® 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security*](#).

Judges selected OMIC because of their commitment to employee financial security through outstanding employee benefits. OMIC, currently employing 44 people, will also be featured in the October issue of *Inc. Magazine* for this achievement.

“OMIC and other Principal 10 Best winners are committed to their employees’ long-term financial well-being,” said Luke Vandermillen, vice president at the Principal Financial Group®. “They understand that the people and culture can really make a difference in an organization. When companies like these invest so much in benefits that support their employees, people notice.”

The Principal® sponsors the national program, which is now in its 13th year. It honors growing companies (five to 1000 employees) for their commitment to their employees’ financial security.

“We are proud to have been named to The Principal 10 Best list,” said Timothy J Padovese, President and CEO at OMIC. “We are committed to investing in our employees and appreciate the opportunity to share our best practices with other growing businesses.”

As part of their best practices, OMIC works with Wells Fargo Advisors to help make choices that supports their employees’ financial future.

Along with the award recognition, The Principal awards a donation to a charity selected by each winning company. OMIC chose [GLIDE](#), a community organization dedicated to breaking cycles of poverty and homelessness, to receive the \$2,500 donation and matched \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000 for this worthy cause.

Learn more about *The Principal 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security* at www.principal.com/10best.

About OMIC

The Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company is the largest insurer of eye physicians and surgeons in the United States and is the nation's premier source for ophthalmic risk management information. OMIC maintains educational alliances with 45 state, subspecialty, and specialized interest ophthalmic societies and maintains the exclusive endorsement and sponsorship of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

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